

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Nacheff et al., US 2005/0207562 A1. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In support of the rejection of independent claims 1 and 9, the Examiner admits that Applicant's Admitted Prior Art "fails to teach an instruction and a requested reference for said array," (Office Action, page 4, lines 5-6). However, the Examiner alleges that, "Nacheff teaches that card 2 can perform administration operations such as addition 201, deletion 202 and modification 203 followed by an interactive display on the screen; and proactive command (see Pars. [0006, 0041-44 and 0080-0114]; whereby the interactive display and proactive command are equated with 'instruction' and the 'requested reference' is equated with the actual act of addition, deleting or modifying of file)," (Office Action, page 4, lines 7-12).

The Examiner contends that the "requested reference" of independent claims 1 and 9 is equivalent to the actual act of addition, deleting or modifying of a file, which the Examiner concedes are administration operations disclosed in Nacheff et al. However, the "requested reference," as used in independent claims 1 and 9, is used for accessing the array based on the reference, and is not used for any operation such as addition, deletion or modification of a file, as disclosed in Nacheff et al. Such at least one operation on at least one piece of data in an array is separately claimed in independent claims 1 and 9.

Furthermore, independent claims 1 and 9 were amended to provide for the operation on at least one piece of data in an array of an application according to an instruction without the necessity of deleting and rewriting the entire application. The amendment is supported in the specification, for example, on page 8, lines 27-35. This feature is expressly taught not to be present in Applicant's Admitted Prior Art, (see specification, page 4, line 35, to page 5, line 7). Such a feature is also not disclosed, taught, or suggested by Nacheff et al.

Since each of claims 2-8 and 10-12 is directly or indirectly dependent upon one of independent claims 1 and 9, each of claims 2-8 and 10-12 is allowable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Nacheff et al. for the same reasons recited above with respect to the

allowability of independent claims 1 and 9 over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Nacheff et al.

Claims 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Nacheff et al. and further in view of Nacheff, US 2002/0137545 A1. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Since each of claims 13 and 15 is indirectly dependent upon independent claim 9, each of claims 13 and 15 is allowable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Nacheff et al. for the same reasons recited above with respect to the allowability of independent claim 9 over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Nacheff et al.

With regard to Nacheff, it does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed instruction nor the claimed requested reference for the array in claim 9, and, therefore, in dependent claims 13 and 15. Nacheff also does not disclose, teach, or suggest an operation on at least one piece of data in an array of an application according to an instruction without the necessity of deleting and rewriting the entire application, as claimed in claim 9, and, therefore, in dependent claims 13 and 15.

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Nacheff et al. and further in view of Arques et al., US 2004/0131083 A1. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Since claim 14 is indirectly dependent upon independent claim 9, claim 14 is allowable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Nacheff et al. for the same reasons recited above with respect to the allowability of independent claim 9 over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Nacheff et al.

With regard to Arques et al., it does not teach, disclose, or suggest the instruction or the requested reference to the array claimed in independent claim 9, and, therefore, in dependent claim 14. Arques et al. also does not teach, disclose, or suggest an operation on at least one piece of data in an array of an application according to an instruction without the necessity of deleting and rewriting the entire application, as claimed in claim 9, and, therefore, in dependent claim 14.

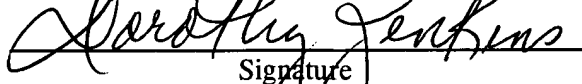
In view of the foregoing remarks, allowance of claims 1-15 is respectfully requested.

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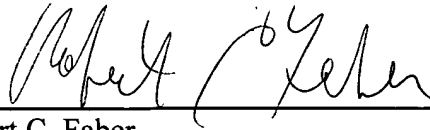
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